

**Town of Northfield  
Recreation Committee Meeting  
Minutes of December 14, 2015 meeting  
Municipal Building      6:00 P.M.**

Committee Members present; Michele Langley, Scott Amell, Sally Davidson. Heidi Passalacqua and Bruce Wright were absent. Ken Goslant (Select Board liaison) was present. Public present; Chris Commins, Geoff Farnham and his daughter, Kristin Gadbois and Susan Snider.

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M.
- II. We did not review or approve minutes of November 9, 2015 meeting.
- III. Public Participation: Geoff Farnham was here to discuss follow-up of the winter volleyball scheduled for the Winter Carnival. If it is going to be held outdoors Geoff has all the equipment needed. If it is going to be held indoors they will need to borrow more equipment, hopefully from the facility where it is being held. If it is going to be held indoors where is it going to be held: N.U. or N.H.S.? If it is held indoors it would be better for a multitude of reasons, one being four teams can be playing all at the same time. If Norwich has only four poles Geoff will bring four more to make the eight needed for the four teams to play at one time. Norwich will be on school break during our Winter Carnival so that is a possibility. Scott will check on availability for volleyball and for use of ice and for use of pool. Scott will also talk with Shannon Palone to see if she is available for lifeguarding if we can use the pool at Norwich. Norwich requires only one lifeguard. The pool is for swimmers only, no wading or kiddy area. The pool is deep and not heated and we need to be sure this is advertised so the public is aware of this. There was much discussion about plowing and parking the Falls area for us to be able to use it for the Winter Carnival. The preference would be indoors with the thought there would be a better turn out if it was to be held indoors. Kristin Gadbois wanted to know where we were with Professor Sevi's class project designing Memorial Park and where we were getting the monies to fund this project. It was explained to her that this was a wish list and many changes were made to that plan. She wants to be sure it is done the right way and no corners are going to be cut. If you rely on volunteers and donated equipment it may not be done properly, was her concern. She thought the Falls was a more feasible place to put the soccer fields. There was a lot of discussion on grant applications and grant monies and how the monies can be used. Kristin wanted to know if we were accomplishing anything. Scott talked about the bike path and how close we were to getting it done but we backed away because we didn't want ill will. We all need to live together and be neighbors with one another. Sally asked Kristin whether or not the center of the new track at the school can be used for soccer. She said it absolutely can and was designed with youth soccer in mind. Michele asked about the size of it and Kristin could not answer that. Kristin said it was large enough for youth soccer.

- IV. Old Business: There was discussion about bringing back the House Decorating Contest at Christmas time. There seems to be interest for this among board members and around the community itself. We could have businesses donate prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners or we could present the (one) winner with a trophy and have a plaque mounted in the Municipal Building with the winners name and date plate added to the plaque each year. Scott wants to contact N.S.B. to see if they will sponsor a 5K Santa Race during our Winter Carnival. (Not necessarily Santa, but something unique to attract takers). Dexter Landers is letting us store the tables at his place for the winter as long as the building doesn't sell. If the building sells we will need to remove them. They are still not stained.
- Winter Carnival review: Date, March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Scott is contacting N.U. for use of ice, pool and Plumley for volleyball. He will also confirm lifeguard and custodian required by N.U. Scott will talk with the American Legion about hosting the Chili Cook-Off and discuss with them the date of their monthly dance to see if it can coincide with the Winter Carnival.
- Conservation Committee wants to do snow shoeing and cross country skiing at the Falls and would like to have the bathrooms open for use. It might be nice to have a concession stand in operations for this event especially if there is going to be a softball game going on also.

There was some discussion about Stick Stars being talked about on FPF. The thought was the recreation committee could have a night of making stick stars as a fund raiser for projects to get done. Maybe this can be tied into the tree lighting and house decorating contest. Sally will talk to the person from FPF.

End of year report needs to be written up. Michele and Heidi will work on this.

- VII. Next meeting scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 7:15

Respectfully Submitted by;  
Sally A. Davidson

These minutes are subject to approval.